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1. The Hungarian Peoples' Republic State Standards Office (Magyar Népköztársaság Országos Szabványügyi Hivatal or MNOSz) has its central offices at Ullői ut 22 Budapest IX. The head of the Office is Pál Takács, a qualified engineer. The deputy head is Gyula Manek, a promoted worker.
2. The Standards Office is directly subordinate to the Hungarian Government, and is financed and supervised by the president of the State Planning Office. However, in certain matters (see below) it receives directives direct from the Soviet Standards Office in Moscow.
3. The office has the same number of main departments as there are ministries. These main departments are in turn subdivided into the same number of sections as there are main departments in each ministry. The staff of the central office numbers 200-220 employees, most of whom are experienced technicians.
4. In every ministry there is a chief standards officer. The Standards Office also has its own representation in each directorate in each ministry. Thus in the ministry for Metallurgical and Machine Industries this representation is found in the standards section subordinate to the Main Technical Section. Furthermore, there are representatives of the Standards Office in every important Hungarian industrial undertaking.
5. The War Industry
 - a. Within the Standards Office there is a special Department for the War Industry. Parallel to this department is the Technical War Department of the Defense Ministry, headed by Lt.-Col. SÁRDI (fnu). These two departments together deal with all military standardization.

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- b. In the entire war industry, from the smallest button on a uniform to the largest weapon, the standards are laid down by the Soviets and must be strictly adhered to. This applies not only to the war industry proper but also to all articles of potential military interest in the event of war.
- c. The Soviet standards are communicated direct to the Standards Office by the Soviet Standards Office in Moscow. As similar standards offices, organized on the same lines and taking their directives from Moscow, exist in the other Satellites, there is complete standardization of the war and potential war industries throughout the Soviet Bloc under Soviet direction.
- d. When a Hungarian industry decides to manufacture a new article it must first submit the blueprints to the Standards Office where, if it falls within the category of war or potential war industry, the blueprints are examined by a special committee of experts, consisting of one member of the Standards Office and a number of outside experts, with a view to ensuring that it complies with the directives laid down by the USSR.
- e. The decisions of the Standards Office have the authority of law. Only the competent minister can overrule them. There is a special control department in the office the function of which is to check that its decisions are carried out and that articles are manufactured in exact accordance with the standards laid down.
- f. In practice considerable confusion is caused by the translation of Soviet directives. These frequently contain errors, particularly in highly technical matters. However, once issued, they cannot be altered, with the result that technically faulty articles are constantly being produced.

6. Non-War Industry

Except for the war industry the Soviets do not interfere in Hungarian standards except in connection with goods being manufactured for export to the USSR. However, in practice the Standards Office lays down standards complying as nearly as possible with Soviet standards for equivalent articles.

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